GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION
LOK SABHA

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Contaminated Drinking Water in Tribal Areas
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Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the tribal people living in the hilly States particularly Sahebganj, Pakur, Godda and Dumka districts of Jharkhand are compelled to drink contaminated drinking water;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto; and

(c) the various measures taken to provide safe drinking water in the tribal areas of the said districts?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE
IN THE MINISTRY OF DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION
(SHRI RAMESH CHANDAPPA JIGAJINAGI)

(a) & (b) : Number of habitations affected by fluoride, arsenic, iron and nitrate inSahebganj, Pakur, Godda and Dumka districts of Jharkhand State as reported by the state into integrated management information system (IMIS) of the Ministry as on 01st August, 2017 is as follows.

S. No. Name of the Districts Contamination Wise Number Of Habitations
Fluoride Arsenic Iron Nitrate
1 DUMKA 8 1 251 0
2 GODDA 17 15 3 0
3 PAKUR 58 2 123 0
4 SAHIBGANJ 21 73 5 0

As per the information provided by the Government of Jharkhand, Electro De-Fluoridation Plants and Arsenic Removal Plants have been installed as short term measures (where surface water is not available) in the fluoride and arsenic affected habitations and provided safe drinking water.

(C) : As per the information provided by the Government of Jharkhand, following measures have been taken to provide safe drinking water. District wise number of completed and under construction large / mini rural pipe water supply schemes are as below:-

Sl. Name of the District Completed Under Construction
Large Rural Piped Water Supply Schemes
1 Dumka 10 3
2 Godda 14 7
3 Pakur 6 3
4 Sahebganj 1 6
Total 31 19
Mini Rural Piped Water Supply Schemes
1 Dumka 78 0
2 Godda 62 0
3 Pakur 51 0
4 Sahebganj 69 0
Total 260 0
Mini Rural Piped Water Supply Schemes powered by Solar Energy
1 Godda 70 55
2 Pakur 90 10
3 Sahebganj 80 20
Total 240 85
Fluoride Removal Attachment
1 Godda 0 11
2 Pakur 40 0
3 Sahebganj 35 0
Total 75 11
Arsenic Removal Attachment
1 Sahebganj 100 0
Total 100 0

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